

Sl.	Name of the scheme	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
		Released	Utilised	Released	Utilised	Released	Utilised
3	Intensive Cotton Development Programme/Technology Mission on Cotton	284.00	270.63	307.00	317.78	567.69	216.92
4	National Pulses Development Project	412.00	399.04	430.00	424.10	430.00	442.06
5	Oilseed Production Programme	1050.00	1061.13	1100.00	1151.00	1030.43	890.33
6	Accelerated maize development programme	2.82	60.32	60.00	14.29	20.00	68.67
7	Integrated Dev. of Tropical, Arid Temperate Zone Fruits	100.00	0.00	214.00	142.15	200.00	18.96
8	Development of Vegetables	544.38	178.85	690.20	458.75	541.36	418.55
9	Integrated Development of Species	9.50	0.00	0.00	1.11	18.00	11.40
10	Integrated Dev. Programme of Cashewnut.	147.52	0.00	86.12	74.02	71.19	38.69

**Non-representation of MPs in Board of Central Agricultural University, Imphal**

3279. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the representatives of Parliament are not included in the formation of Board of the Central Agricultural University at Imphal, though other Central Universities have a representative from Parliament; and

(b) if so, why the Parliament's representative should not be included in the Board of the University?

[25 August, 2000]

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) There is no representation of Parliamentarians in the Board of Central Agricultural University, Imphal. Even Jawaharlal Nehru University, a Central University, does not have Parliamentarians on its Board.

(b) The Central Agricultural University has been established by an Act of Parliament. The Act does not provide for inclusion of the Parliament's representative on the Board.

### **Organic Farming in Gujarat**

3280. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of newsitem captioned "Gujarat farmer's organic farming began 40 years ago" appeared in The Hindustan Times, on 16th June, 2000;

(b) whether the farmer has managed to get record-breaking profits of about 400 per cent without using fertilizers and pesticides in his "Kalpavrukhsa" farm;

(c) if so, whether Government would send a team of agriculture scientists to sincerely study this method of farming and propagate them through media to aware the farmers so that they can stop using any kind of chemicals and fertilizers; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) It has been reported in The Hindustan Times dated 16.6.2000 that one Shri Bhaskar Hiraji Save has been practicing only organic farming for the last over 40 years. He is not using any fertilizers, insecticides, weedicides and does not resort to tilling of the land. He uses plant leaves and organic wastes as source of plant nutrients, encourages the growth of earth worms for tilling the soil and natural insects and birds for killing the crop pests. As per the information from State Government, good levels of crop yields are obtained at this farm. However, the information about levels of profitability is not indicated. The State Government recommends the use of fertilizers as per the soil test based recommendations and also encourages the farmers for use of compost and biofertilisers. As per the long term fertilizer use trials conducted by the Indian Council of Agriculture Research, balanced